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Applicant: Sanford M. Stevenson

Serial No: 09/652,272

Examiner: Hruskoci, P.

Filed: August 31, 2000

Art Unit: 1724

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING METAL COMPOUNDS FROM
WASTE MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

In response to the office action of November 28, 2000, please amend the above captioned application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 1. Please also amend claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 23 as are shown on the attached sheets.

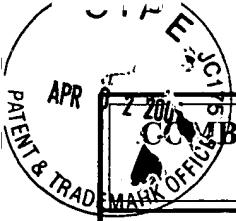
REMARKS

The application has been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Reconsideration is requested. All amendments were made to clarify claim language and for no reason related to patentability.

Applicant confirms that he wishes to prosecute claims 7-31. Claim 1 has been canceled pursuant to the restriction requirement.

Claims 7, 10 and 23 have been amended to correct the grounds for rejection under

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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 28, 2000 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: **February 28, 2001** _____ until: **March 28, 2001**
Date _____ *Date* _____

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27.

is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	25 -	26 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$40.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00

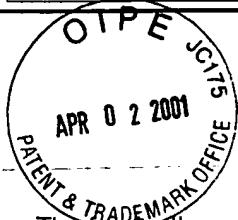
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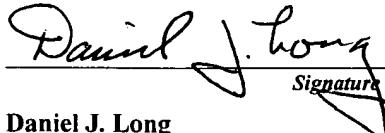
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 Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. _____
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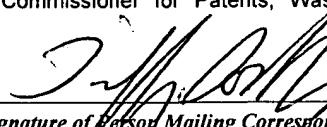
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